

REMARKS

Claim 7 is now pending in this case. Claims 1-6 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 7 is supported by the disclosure, e.g., Figures 1-7 in the USPTO file and the corresponding disclosure in the specification (or, provisionally, the Figures of the Replacement Sheets). No new matter has been added.

At the outset, the undersigned notes that the applicant was prosecuting this application pro se. He sincerely tried his best to advance the case, and he thanks the Examiner for the advice and guidance. As the Examiner knows, the undersigned is now assisting the applicant. The undersigned also thanks the Examiner for the advice and guidance provided to date on this case. As noted below, the undersigned believes that future discussions with the Examiner will advance this case and properly protect the applicant's invention.

In an effort to respond to the Examiner's requests and in response to the Section 112 rejection and the drawings objection, applicant provisionally submits the attached Replacement Sheets of the drawings, as supported by the originally filed application and the PCT filings with modified pages. The Replacement Sheets are believed to render moot the Section 112 rejection and drawings objection. However, applicant submits that Figures 1-7 (prior to replacement) are sufficient to provide enablement of the described and presently claimed invention. Applicant further submits that it would be willing to proceed with this application containing Figures 1-7 and an amended specification in line with those Figures and the PCT and other filings in this case -- if the Examiner would like applicant to do so.

In response to the prior art rejections, the rejected claims have been cancelled without prejudice. New claim 7 is believed to be novel and nonobvious because the cited prior art does

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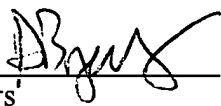
not disclose the claimed invention that requires a system comprising two elongated elements equipped with notches sliding along two slits and a button providing for stoppage of the elements at an end of their trajectory, and a closure composed, on the one hand, of a sliding piece equipped with teeth, including grooves and catches fitting into the notches of the first of the two elongated elements, so that the first element remains firmly in the grooves when the sliding takes place, and, on the other hand, a fixed piece equipped with a large number of holes fitting in with the teeth to block the bracelet when the bracelet length is adapted to the desired size.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks (as well as the remarks filed in applicant's amendments of March 2 and May 14), applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions, the undersigned may be contacted at 703-786-7421.

Respectfully submitted,

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